SIRHAN LAWYER TO SEEK TESTS

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Chromosome Count and Others Mentioned

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A chromosome test will be sought for Sirhan Bishara Sirhan before his trial on a charge of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Sirhan's attorney said Thursday.

The lawyer, Russell Parsons, was quoted by a newsman for radio station KNX.

In a recent California case a man who pleaded guilty to assault with intent to rape wants to change his plea to innocent because, he says, he possesses an abnormal chromosome count.

Parsons said of Sirhan: "He's been pretty fully examined, but has not had this chromosome test to my knowledge. Before the trial date we expect to ask for this test and others."

Parsons said again that he will ask for another delay in the trial, now set for Dec. 9, to allow an associate time to prepare his work.

In that other case Raymond S. Tanner's attorney said Tanner was unable to prevent an assault on a Van Nuys woman because of his chromosome makeup. While the chromosomes in most males register as XY, Tanner says his chromosomes are XYY. The result, he said, is that he is "a super male" unable to restrain his actions. Chromosomes are bodies in cell-nuclei, which carry genes.

Tanner is undergoing psychiatric examination. A hearing in Superior Court is set for Dec. 17.